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COMMENT OF THE DAY The Bonn Pact

IN the agreement reached at Bonn yesterday reposes the determination of the Western allies to inaugurate a new era in Western Europe history. The pact reached between the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany is noteworthy in a number of respects. Primarily it brings to an end the occupation of Germany by the three Western powers, but dovetailed into it is the creation of a European Army, participation in which West Germany is pledged. The negotiations leading up to yesterday's agreement have been, of necessity, protracted, for they have involved a number of delicate and complicated issues, while it has been essential to overcome some fears and prejudices existing in the minds of the signatories. France, in particular, has not found it easy to subscribe to all the terms of the pact; she suspected loopholes which a revived German nation might attempt to make use of in due course to the embarrassment and danger of France.

FRANCE has finally consented to sign the agreement, but with obvious reluctance, and M. Pinay may run into serious difficulties in persuading the French Parliament to ratify the pact. Dr. Adenauer must also expect strenuous opposition to ratification from the West German Government. Apart from the indignation of the Social Democrats who are fellow-travellers of the Communist-dominated East German Administration, many of Dr. Adenauer's own followers will probably express disappointment over the Chancellor's concession concerning the status of Allied troops in West Germany, and will protest that he has not won enough independence for the country. Eventual ratification by all the signatories, however, is reasonably certain inasmuch that the agreement, though it is relatively transitional, is the only practical settlement of the occupation problem offering at the moment.

RUSSIAN reaction to the agreement is precisely as expected. It is a "flagrant violation of the Potsdam Agreement," it is "an open military alliance" which by inference the Soviets regard as being directed against them. Russia's protestations, however, lose substance when their deliberate and constant obstruction to positive proposals for an overall German peace treaty is recalled. It has been Russia's refusal to listen to the Western powers' suggestions for an all-German agreement which has made the four-nation pact at Bonn inevitable. Even in her latest note Russia sweeps aside the Western Allies' offer to exchange opinions on what shall constitute the precise terms for a Big Four conference on the future of Germany, and insists that there should be immediate round-table discussions without any previously agreed terms of reference. The stand which the United States, Britain and France have taken on this issue is highly proper. It is a sign of their determination to ensure that any unification of Germany be effected according to the majority will of the people and not imposed on them in such a way as to make them the tools of a Kremlin dictatorship. In the meantime the future stability of West Germany becomes assured through the Bonn Convention—a development which fairly naturally exasperates the Kremlin masterminds and their satellites.

Appeal By Ta Kung Pao To The Full Court

Leading Red Bandit Slain By Gurkhas

Singapore, May 25. Gurkhas today killed a leading Communist, Manap Kepon, whose group is stated to have been responsible for a series of incidents in Pahang State.

An official communiqué said Manap Kepon's position in the Communist hierarchy was not yet known, but he was thought to be a State Committee member with a price of at least 25,000 Straits dollars on his head.—Reuter.

Graziani Accused Of Penal Crime

Rome, May 25. The Italian Government struck tonight at the leading figure of resurgent Fascism, 68-year-old Rodolfo Graziani, Mussolini's last Defence Minister and one time Viceroy of Abyssinia.

Police Headquarters announced that the former Marshal would be charged with "violation of Fascism"—a penal crime in Italy.

Graziani was released last summer from a 10-year prison sentence for war crimes. Most of the sentence was wiped out by amnesties.

Last Friday Graziani made his first public speech since the war, when he addressed a vast crowd of Neo-Fascists.

Three other leading Fascists, including a nephew of Mussolini, Count Vanni Tedorani, are to be charged with Graziani.

A Police Headquarters announcement said Graziani and the three others charged had staged a ceremony characteristic of Fascist funerals during the funeral of Mussolini's only sister, Edvige Mancini, last Thursday.

At the end of the funeral ceremony, one of the men shouted "Edvige Mussolini" and the others sprang to attention with arms rigid in the Fascist salute, police added.—Reuter.

MORE TRIBAL FIGHTING

Johannesburg, May 25. Fighting broke out in the African township of Newclare tonight between Basuto natives and other tribes.

First reports said two Africans were dead and two critically injured.

The township of Newclare has been the scene of faction fighting on a number of occasions this year. Early in March 13 Africans were killed and 95 injured in two days of rioting between a Basuto group known as "Ruslans" and the unaffiliated "Civic Guard" of Zulus.

Last Monday (May 19) five Africans were killed and 24 injured, four seriously, when the faction fighting broke out afresh.

RAMADAN IN TUNISIA OPENS WITH VIOLENCE

Tunis, May 25. The Arab population began their traditional Moslem fasting month of Ramadan today as terrorists continued their "bomb a day" tactics.

All business comes practically to a halt as huge crowds mass daily in mosques throughout the Arab world from the early hours until late into the night, chanting and fasting.

To ease the current Franco-Tunisian tension and show its goodwill, France released for the opening of Ramadan 450 nationalistic held in custody since the outbreak of violence in the protectorate early in February.

Today also marked the easing of the dusk-to-dawn curfew clamped on Tunis by General Pierre Garbay, commander-in-chief of the French troops, in an effort to halt the nightly bomb attacks.

The terrorists, however, ignored the gestures and continued their anti-French drive by exploding a powerful bomb in daylight under the car of a French settler at Sousse, big Mediterranean port.

The vehicle was wrecked, but there were no casualties. The authorities said another bomb damaged the power station in the Arab quarter of Medina here early today.—United Press.

SEQUEL TO CONVICTION FOR SEDITION

"The defendants were in effect never properly before the Court, the warrants for arrest were a nullity," claimed Mr Leo d'Almada, QC, when he opened an appeal this morning at the Supreme Court before the Full Court of Appeal against the conviction of the publisher and editor of the Ta Kung Pao on charges of sedition.

Mr d'Almada said that when information was laid a certificate was issued by the Registrar and that certificate must then be produced to a judge who could issue a warrant for apprehension of the accused. In this case, declared Counsel, the Crown had gone wrong by producing the certificate before a magistrate instead of a judge.

The Full Court of appeal comprises the Chief Justice (Sir Gerard Howe), and the two Puisne Judges, Mr Justice Gould and Mr Justice Reece).

Found guilty by a Special Jury on May 5, Fei Yi-ming was fined \$4,000 or three months in default of payment of fine while Lee Chung-ying was fined \$3,000 or six months.

The Trial Judge, Mr Justice Williams, also ordered, on application by the Crown, suppression of the Ta Kung Pao for a period of six months.

On May 17, the Full Court of Appeal granted the order pending determination of the appeal or until such further order by the Court.

Argument on the suppression issue was presented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, with whom Mr Percy Chen and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi also appeared, all instructed by Mr H. L. Kwan.

In the 15-day trial before Mr Justice Williams, Mr Chen led for the Defence assisted by Mr Bernacchi.

At the trial and on the suppression issue, the Crown were represented by Mr A. Hooton, Acting Solicitor-General, who also appeared this morning.

Mr d'Almada, together with Mr Chen and Mr Bernacchi, represented the appellants.

Before Mr d'Almada opened, the Chief Justice asked what order he proposed to take his grounds of appeal and Counsel replied that he would first appeal against conviction and if he was successful then the suppression order would go with it. The argument, he said, would be divided between himself and his learned friends. He proposed to argue that part of the appeal which in substance dealt with section 73 of the Magistrates Ordinance and Mr Chen and Mr Bernacchi would argue on other points.

TRIAL A NULLITY

Mr d'Almada submitted that not only was there an irregularity but it was of such that it rendered the whole trial a nullity. The fact that the defendants participated in the trial made no difference. Therefore, he submitted in the very forefront there was the objection which was not in any way reduced in force or done away with by subsequent proceedings.

The basis of that objection was that where information was laid, procedure under section 73 of the Magistrates Ordinance was the wrong procedure.

Mr d'Almada then dealt with the written decision given by Mr Justice Williams on April 17 when argument on the objection had concluded.

Counsel said that the English procedure was that when information was laid a certificate was issued by the Crown Office (in Hongkong by the Registrar) and that certificate must then be produced to a Judge who may issue a warrant for apprehension of the accused.

The Crown, in this case, had gone wrong by producing the certificate before a Magistrate instead of a Judge. This procedure meant the by-passing of certain rules.

Under section 4 (2) of the 1933 Rules of the Administration of Justice Acts there was complete discretion for a Judge as to whether he should issue a warrant for the arrest of an accused person.

Mr d'Almada said that the Trial Judge was wrong in his decision and one of the things he (Counsel) would bring immediately to their Lordships' attention was this: that long before passing of the Administration of Justice Act 1933, which largely superseded the procedure under the Criminal Offences rules, the two sections (with which they were concerned in this case) or their counterparts already existed in Hongkong.

In fact, section 73 of the Magistrates Ordinance which Mr Hooton suggested was later in time was, in fact, part of an already existing law.

EARLY OBJECTION

Mr d'Almada said that the appeal was against conviction and the two appellants for sedition on a charge laid on information ex-officio and at the very outset, Counsel said, of the hearing before the learned Trial Judge objection was taken to the procedure adopted to bring the defendants before the Trial Judge. That objection took the form of a motion to stay by Mr Chen, with Mr Bernacchi, appeared on behalf of the defendants at the trial.

When that motion was refused, the defendants on being asked to plead said that they had been advised not to plead and the reason for that was because they maintained that the

ILLEGAL WARRANTS

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Riots In Essen



Bonn Govt Pledges To Aid West Berlin

Bonn, May 26. The West German Government, in a special declaration today, pledged the fullest possible support for West Berlin.

The declaration was published five hours before the Allied-German treaty ending the occupation of West Germany was due to be signed here.

It took cognisance of the "special role which Berlin has played for the self-assertion of the free world, and is called upon to play in future."

In the declaration West Germany promised to:

1. Ensure through appropriate assistance that West Berlin could maintain a balanced budget;
2. Allot a fair share of scarce raw materials and consumer goods to the city;
3. Channel a fair share of foreign aid into West Berlin to further its industry;
4. Help West Berlin maintain an adequate stock of food and other materials for "emergencies";
5. Help "to the best of our power" to improve trade and traffic communications and other facilities between Berlin and West Germany;
6. Facilitate the inclusion of West Berlin in international agreements which West Germany has a part.

The declaration, signed by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, was interpreted here as a warning against any East German attempt to cut off Berlin's ties with the West.—Reuter.

SOVIET NOTE STUDIED

Bonn, May 25. The Big Three Western Foreign Ministers today called an emergency meeting with their top advisers here to examine the Soviet note after reaching final agreement with the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, this morning on the text of a 400-page agreement to peace treaty with Western Germany.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, met in an emergency session with their top advisers to examine the new Russian demand.

News service texts of the Soviet note were delivered to the Ministers and Chancellor Adenauer as they held a two-and-a-half-hour meeting at the United States High Commission in their final session on the contractual agreements.

Allied officials said the Moscow note was not unexpected and there never was any question of it holding up signing of the treaty as the Russians presumably hoped.

DAY TOO LATE

A German spokesman said the note came a day too late to influence the talks.

If it had come yesterday, when tensions were high over France's demands for punishment, it might have caused serious trouble," said one official. "But tempers have cooled off today and the note could not have any effect on the talks."

The Western Big Three reached final agreement with West Germany on the text of a separate peace treaty against which France rebelled and Russia protested. The treaty will be signed on Monday at 10 a.m. by the United States, Britain, France and West Germany, it was announced officially.

Koje Is. POWs Stage Another Display



Koje POW Camp, May 25.

Dichard Communist prisoners of war demonstrated again today as British and Canadian troops arrived to bolster the United Nations guard detachment.

Prisoners in Compound 60 and 85 marched in military formation, sang and waved flags as the British and Canadian troops disembarked and were carried in trucks to the bivouac area near the prison compounds.

It was the same sort of demonstration which greeted other UN troop arrivals and was apparently designed to emphasize the prisoners' defiance.

North Korean captives are imprisoned in Compound 60 and 85.

Troops comprising Company "B" of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and Company "B" of the Royal Canadian Regiment were transferred from the Korean battlefield.

Two officials of the International Red Cross, which the Communists have denounced as a "tool of American aggressors," talked with a leading Communist spokesman on Kojé on Sunday, but he declined to reveal the subject of their conference.

George Hoffmann and Nicholas Burckhardt, both of Switzerland, conferred with Colonel Lee Hak Koo, 48 hours after the latter talked with the camp Commandant, Brigadier-General Haydon Boatner.

COMMUNIST EDITOR ARRESTED

Paris, May 25. French police today arrested Andre Stil, chief editor of the Communist daily "Humanite" at his home about 30 miles from Paris.

The arrest followed proceedings ordered by the Ministry of Justice against those judged responsible for organising demonstrations against General Matthew B. Ridgway, the new Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Andre Stil, winner of a Stalin Prize this year, was arrested on a warrant issued under a law of June 7, 1948, which makes it an offence to organise or incite a mob. This law was last invoked at the time of the Communist riots against the arrival of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in Europe in January, 1952.—Associated Press.

NEW STOCKADES

Other prisoners on Sunday cleaned out and levelled empty compound areas following orders from Washington for the building of additional stockades to disperse and imprison into groups of manageable size.

The new enclosures will be subdivided into eight separate compounds, each holding 600 men.

Eighty thousand prisoners on Kojé are now housed in 17 compounds.

Communist flags and signs remained out of sight on Sunday after their removal by prisoners following a conference between Gen. Boatner and Lee.

Gen. Harrison said in his first interview, "We are not going to Pamunung to barter cattle for swine, but to safeguard the rights and personal dignity of individual human beings.... Forced repatriation of even a single individual is impossible. It is impossible for us to create out of the thin air additional prisoners who would not resist repatriation."

He was referring to the fact that only 70,000 out of 150,000 prisoners have declared willingness to return to Communist rule.—United Press.

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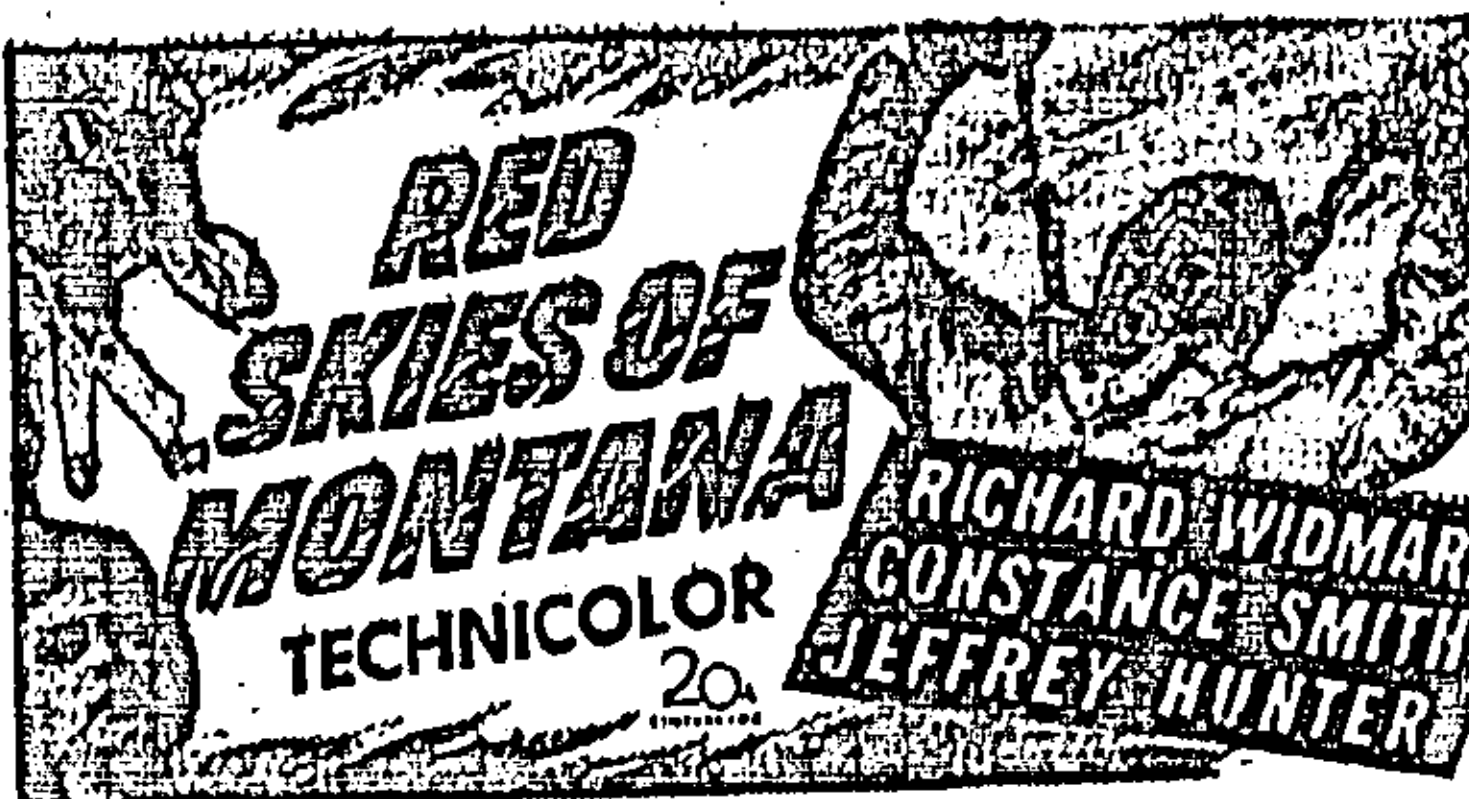


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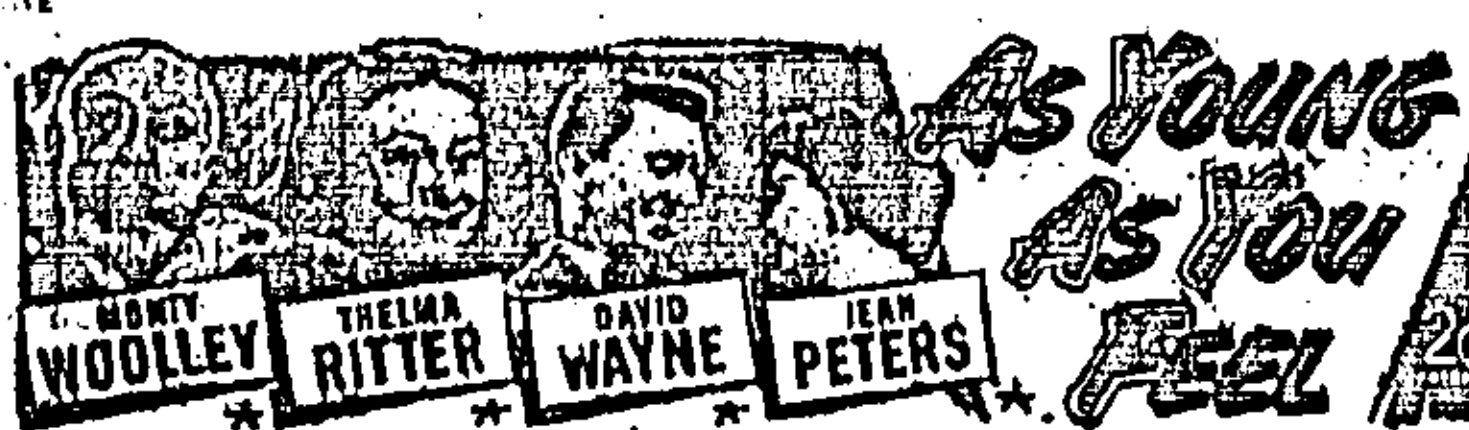
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French MP On Trial



Jean Dourdain, ex-French M.P., in the dock at Versailles, where with another ex-M.P., de Rétay, he is charged with stealing State Bonds from the Armistice Treasury worth Fr100,000. —Express Photo.

Civil Service "Quiz" On

London, May 25.
The Government is now issuing 14,000 forms asking senior professional employees whether they have ever belonged to the Communist or to the Fascist parties.

Mr. Stanley Mayne, General Secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, told a meeting of scientific workers today that they were also being asked if they had ever belonged to any organisation associated with or in sympathy with the Communist Party. —Reuter.

Polly Tries To Make It Visiting Day

London, May 25.
When Polly, the great parakeet, decided to visit Clifton Hospital, she may or may not have known that her owner, Mrs. Mollie Mann, has been a patient there for three weeks.

But Polly did make the trip—all on her own, hopping half a mile over gardens and across pavement from the house in King's-road where neighbours were looking after her.

An open window gave her the chance to escape.

For more than two hours Polly dodged porters and nurses in the hospital grounds.

Then, with as much dignity as a rather ruffled parakeet could muster, Polly strutted into the hospital's main entrance hall.

But she never reached her mistress. The matron, Miss Rosina Sealey, grabbed Polly and shut her up in a laundry basket.

Said Miss Sealey: "We didn't realise the bird belonged to a patient until we got in touch with the police. Mrs. Mann's friends collected it."

That Old-World Atmosphere

Venice, May 25.
Venetian aristocrats are seeking to ban the sale of Coca-Cola on the Grand Canal Gondolas to preserve the canal's old-world atmosphere.

Japan's Industrialists Worried By Trade Picture

Tokyo, May 26.

Japan is again politically independent but most Japanese industrialists are concerned about the possible future results of her continuing economic dependence on uncertain trade factors in a competitive world.

In the first month of the life of the "new Japan" the Japanese were measuring the task of organising the nation's war-riddled economy with its obligation to support a land-hungry population now rising above 85,000,000.

After a decade of unsuccessful imperial adventure Japan has lost much of her once-prosperous world trade. She is left with a distorted economy, starved for capital, handicapped with an out-of-date industrial machine, and completely at the mercy of world business trends.

Japan's approach to financial stability during the occupation was largely attributed to about 2,000 million dollars of American aid.

Because this aid was given generously, and because special conditions of "world rearmament and the Korean war stimulated the nation's economy, many Japanese already look back on occupation as the "easy period" in national finances.

With freedom, the flood of American aid in cash, supplies and technical skill is expected to slow down.

American economists have served sharp warning that unless Japan pays her own way through self-disciplined industrial efficiency she can expect no further assistance from the Western world.

They have called Japanese leaders "too optimistic" in their present attitude towards the future.

Influential Japanese have advised the nation that American aid and conditions of world rearmament would continue to ease Japan's struggle for survival.

ESTIMATE OF WORLD RICE CROP

Washington, May 25.
The world's rice crop for the year from August, 1951 to July, 1952 showed little change in volume from the preceding two years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said today.

The Department's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations estimated that the output would total 337,000 million lbs. compared with 339,000 million lbs. in 1950-51, and 337,000 million lbs. in 1949-50.

Declines in production in South America, Africa and Oceania were offset largely by pronounced gains in North America and Europe, the statement said.

The Asian rice output at 210,500 million lbs. nearly approached that of the year before.

Though considerably above the post-war average it was still only 87 per cent of the pre-war production.

Low yields per acre again caused the drop in output.

The land used for rice-growing had increased on all continents in recent years, the announcement said.

But unfavourable weather reduced the average of yields per acre. —Reuter.

WARNING GIVEN ON AID CUTS

Paris, May 25.

Mr. William H. Draper, special United States representative and head of the Mutual Security Agency, today issued an urgent statement condemning the large cuts made by the House of Representatives in the military and economic assistance programme.

The cuts, he said, if concurred in by the Senate, would mean reducing economic and military assistance to Europe by 27 per cent and have serious implications on the future security of the United States.

Democrat Senators are confident that they can restore some of the steep cuts the House of Representatives made on Friday in the new foreign aid programme.

But as the Senate prepared to open a debate on the aid measure on Monday, the Republican Opposition is seeking support for even more drastic cuts than the House total of more than \$1,700 million.

The President originally asked Congress for \$7,000 million military and economic aid for Europe, the Near East, Asia, the Pacific and Latin America in the coming financial year.

But the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has already cut it by \$1,000 million.

Further cuts are proposed in three motions, two of them sponsored by Republicans, the third by a Southern Democrat. —Reuter.

Another Bomb Exploded

Las Vegas, May 25.

One thousand troops and 400 military observers crouched in foxholes in Nevada at dawn today as another atom bomb was detonated about three and a half miles away.

It was the sixth in the American tests this Spring.

The flash and the orange fireball, lasting 15 seconds, were as bright as any of the earlier tests here.

The familiar mushroom cloud was reared for nearly 20 minutes in the partly overcast sky.

The troops advanced soon after the blast to inspect damage to military equipment. —Reuter.

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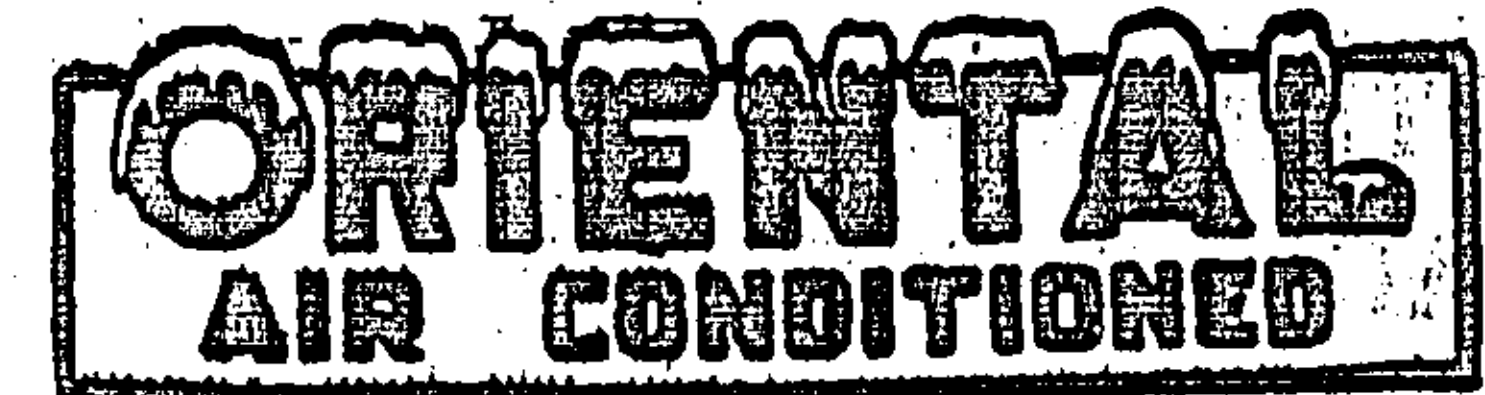
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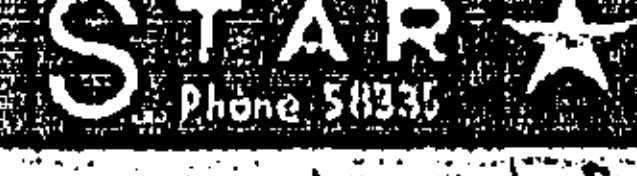
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The Queen Mother has a smile for Sir John A. Baird, Commandant of London Airport, as she returns from a flight to Oslo in Fifehire, where she had said farewell to the 1st Battalion, the Black Watch, who are going to Korea. It was her first engagement since the death of the King. — Central Press.

BEVAN VIEWS GAIN
HEADWAY IN
THE UNIONS

London, May 25.

The rebel Socialist, Aneurin Bevan, and other advocates of the "cut-rearmament" policy in the Labour Party are fighting a battle for their point of view within the powerful trades unions.

Whether Mr Bevan will be able to influence the Party's next policy-making conference in October depends on the attitude taken by the great industrial battalions beforehand.

Mr Bevan, 54-year-old eloquent Welsh left-winger, has plunged the Labour Party into a seething internal crisis since he resigned from the last Labour Government a year ago over the rearmament issue. He claims Britain is spending too much on defence and sacrificing her living standards.

The unions, which built up the Socialist political machine, control its purse-strings. Any shift in policy must win their approval particularly when the Party is in opposition.

Union meetings before October are to debate the Bevanite thesis from A to Z, and rank-and-file unionists must vote on the question: "Do you agree with Mr Bevan that Britain is sapping her resources by rearmament at the present pace?"

If they vote "yes," union delegates will be sent to the Labour Party's annual party to endorse the Bevan idea, if enough of them say "yes," the Party as a whole may be persuaded to accept it.

Already two big unions, with nearly 1,200,000 members between them, have voted for Mr Bevan. They have 900,000 votes at the October conference

because some members have "contracted out" of the political allegiance.

Mr Bevan's total strength in the Party and the unions is still unknown, though in March he led 60 Labour members of Parliament, do the Party leaders and vote against the current rearmament programme, which was budgeted to cost Britain £4,700,000,000 in three years.

AT LOGGERSHEADS

The ex-minister who rose to be Labour Party's Minister, believes that some rearmament is necessary, but he thinks that Britain is moving too fast in piling up arms.

His contention that the nation does not afford its present defence expenditure is challenged by the Party leader Mr Clement Attlee, who inaugurated the arms drive when he was Prime Minister and now supports the Conservative Premier, Mr Winston Churchill, in carrying it out.

Mr Bevan is also at loggerheads with the top Labour Party officials, Mr Herbert Morrison, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, former Defence Minister.

The signs are that he is making some headway among the rank-and-file in the Party, who consist of 94,000 dues-paying individuals members. The rest of the 5,020,000 membership is mainly composed of trade unionists, who are members automatically by virtue of their unions' affiliation to the Party machine.

Eighty-three of Britain's 188 unions are affiliated to the Party, and between them can nominate nearly 1,000 of the 1,200 delegates attending the Party conference.

NOT CHALLENGED

At recent meetings, the 800,000-strong Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, with 440,000 members, gave their leaders a mandate to vote Bevanite.

These are two of Britain's "big six" unions, who have between them half the registered trade unionists in the country.

Mr Bevan's victories in the AEU and USDAW are significant because in neither union did the leaders challenge his policy. A year ago many union chiefs were violently opposed to him.

Other unions in the "big six" are the Transport and General Workers (1,200,000 members), the General and Municipal Workers (780,000), the National Union of Railwaymen (840,000) and the National Union of Journalists (600,000).

Seventy-seven small unions must also make up their minds. How they will all vote is still problematical.

Though the unions play a part in directing the Socialist parliamentary strategy, they have powerful influence in framing the policy on which the parliamentary leaders base their campaigns.

If the unions lead the Party conference into Bevanism, Mr Attlee, Mr Morrison and Mr Shinwell will have to compromise or quit unless the battle is postponed in order to show a united front against Mr Churchill. — Reuter.

Pope's Medal
For British
Organist

Devizes, May 25.

It was announced today that the "Gonemere" Medal, instituted by Pope Gregory XIII in 1832 for outstanding service to the Roman Catholic Church, had been awarded to David Scott, St. Joseph's Cottage, Devizes, Wiltshire.

She has completed 20 years' unbroken service as organist and choir mistress at Devizes Catholic church.

Scott, previously a Protestant, was converted to Catholicism by the parish priest, Father A. M. Dalry.

It bears the Pope's head surrounded by oak leaves. Miss Scott is a specialist in Gregorian music. Previously she was organist at an Anglican church at Fitch, Lancashire. — Reuter.

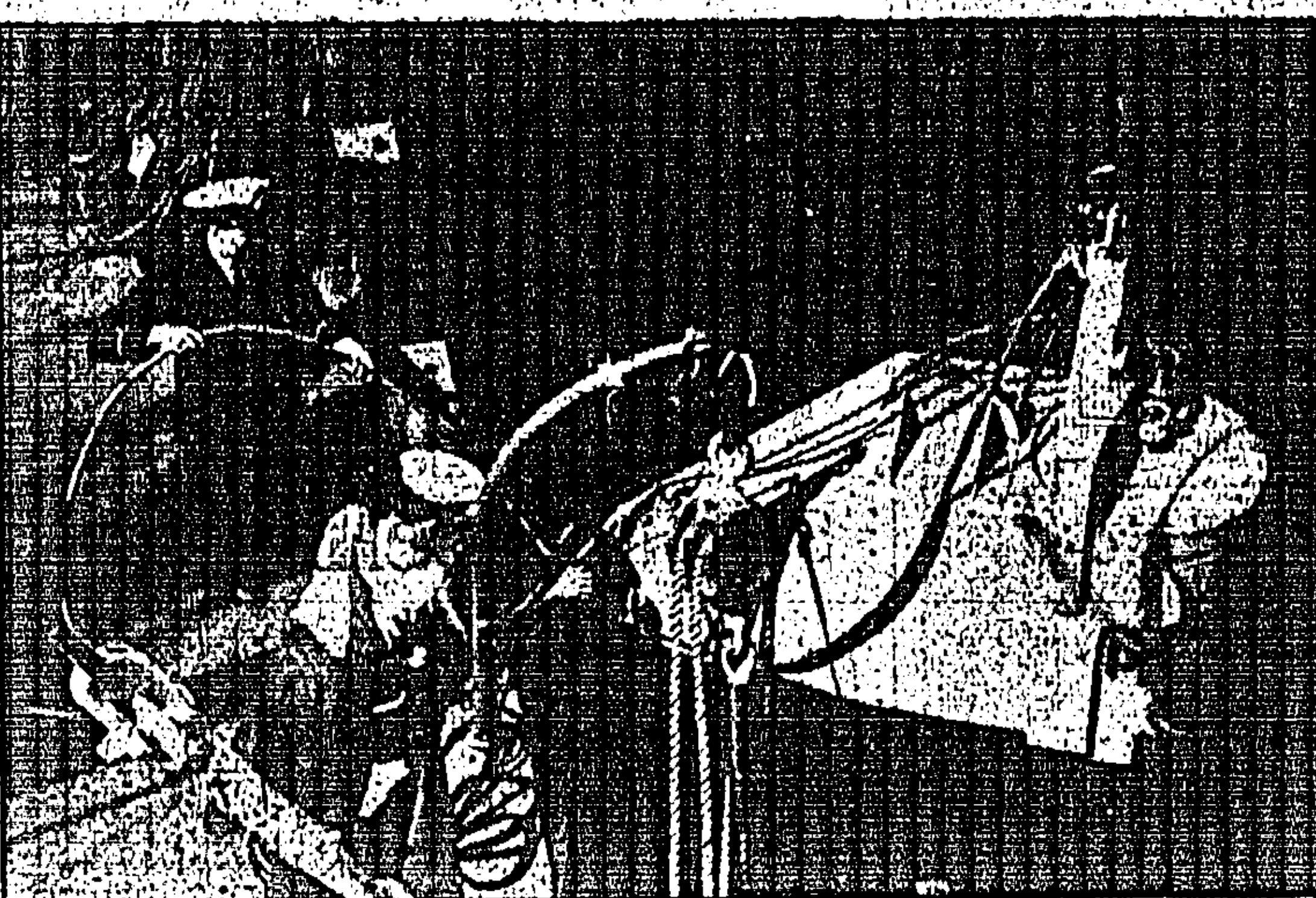
RN Association's
Meeting At
Mansion House

London, May 25.

Admirals and ordinary seamen rubbed shoulders at a conference of the Royal Naval Association at Mansion House today.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham, in a Presidential address, said application for a Royal Charter had been lodged with the Privy Council.

Twenty new branches of the Association had been opened during the year, he said. The conference agreed to act on a proposal submitted by two branches to seek an increase in the Royal Fleet Reserve. The Royal Naval Association is in service pay. — Reuter.

Royal Navy's
TV "Eye"

A new underwater television camera has been developed for use in the Royal Navy's deep-diving ship, HMS Reclaim. The new apparatus, which can reach a depth of 1,000 feet, is expected shortly to be effective at 3,500 feet. Picture shows the new underwater apparatus being lowered over the side of HMS Reclaim at Portsmouth. — Reuterphoto.

Eisenhower And
Taft Running
Neck-And-Neck

Washington, May 25.

General Dwight Eisenhower and Senator Robert A. Taft continued today in a neck-and-neck race for Republican presidential nomination with the General picking up ground in Washington and Maryland.

General Eisenhower won 20 of Washington's 24 delegates. Maryland's delegation was pledged to Governor Theodore R. McKeldin on the first ballot at the National Convention to be held at Chicago in July, but is uninstructed after that.

Close Fight
Expected In
Italian Poll

Rome, May 25.

Bad weather cut down the number of voters in today's local elections in Italy's central and southern provinces, where millions of the electorate chose new councils.

This loss is expected to be sustained almost entirely by the non-Communist parties, since the more disciplined Communists normally have less difficulty in getting their voters to the polls.

Nearly 2,000 village, town and city councils and 24 provincial councils are being disputed by 131,000 candidates.

The battle between the Christian Democrats and Communists is likely to be a close one. The Christian Democrats and their allies can normally count on the support of barely half the electorate.

The Communists are expected to show a grip on between 20 and 30 per cent of the predominantly agricultural population in the southern half of the country.

The neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (M.S.I.), which scarcely existed in 1948, is expected to emerge as a major political force.

TRIESTE QUIET

In Trieste, over 50 per cent of the 200,000 voters went to the polls by early evening. No incidents were reported from Trieste.

Polls remain open in most areas until Monday, and the first indications of the trends are not expected before early on Tuesday.

The electoral law in use allows parties to combine their votes in a bloc in towns with over 10,000 residents. The winning bloc gets two-thirds of the seats.

The democratic parties headed by Premier de Gasperi's Christian Democrats, are expected to retain by a narrow margin their control in Rome. Naples is thought likely to fall to an alliance between the neo-Fascists and monarchists led by the Neapolitan shipping magnate, Achille Lauro.

Still another great southern party is considered a possible ally for the Communists. — Reuter.

Ceylon Elections Show
Gains
By Left

Colombo, May 25.

First results in Ceylon's General Elections today show a swing to the left in almost all the 20 seats for the House of Representatives counted so far.

The Government United National Party remained the strongest party, though it lost six seats.

The Minister of State and Chief Government Whip, Mr A. E. Goonesinghe, lost his Colombo seat to a Communist. Cambridge-educated Pictor Keunaman, who had a sweeping majority of 7,000.

The United National Party is facing formidable opposition from an informal partnership of the Social Democrat Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the Trotskyite Maya Lanka group.

The Freedom Party faced the polls for the first time, capturing four of the 10 seats they contested. The Trotskyites had only three candidates and two were defeated. But the party's strength lies in the southern provinces, which poll on Friday.

The results so far announced are:

United National Party . . . 11
Freedom Party . . . 4
Independents . . . 4
Trotskyites . . . 1
Communists . . . 1

Last night police arrested 188 men carrying "misalliances" weapons, who were waiting outside a registration office for results from their constituency, not knowing the counting had been referred until today. The men were reported to be working from a building nearly 50 metres from Colombo.

MINISTER "OUT"
Mr Goonesinghe, a leading exponent of "Ceylon for the Ceylonese," is the only Ministerial casualty so far.

The Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Mr C. Sittampalam, retained his seat by a narrow majority, while Minister Sir John Kotelawala, defeated his left-wing opponent.

The elections are spread over four days and are described as the most keenly contested in the island's history.

Nearly 3,000,000 voters are choosing among 300 candidates to fill 95 seats in the 101-seat House of Representatives.

Six seats are reserved for minorities.

On Monday, elections in another 22 constituencies will vote, and, as many of them are United National Party strongholds, the party's fate will be decided for the next five years by the results. — Reuter.

Unusual Ground
For Divorce

Oakland, Calif., May 25.

A 26-year-old army veteran of the Korean war won a divorce today after submitting testimony that his wife did not tell him that their one-year-old twins were born to death while he was overseas.

Charles T. Morris, now stationed at Camp Roberts near Paso Robles, California, testified through his attorney, Stanley Greenwood, that his wife, Mary, did not write him that "the twins were born to death" and "Charles died in a fire at their home here on February 22."

Morris returned from Korea two months ago. — United Press.

BBC Broadcasts
Being Jammed

London, May 25.

The British Broadcasting Corporation announced today that its services to Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania are being deliberately jammed.

This means that the Corporation's services to eight countries within the orbit of the Soviet Union are now being interfered with.

Jamming of its service began in 1948, and in recent months it has been extended to services in Polish, Finnish, Czech and Hungarian. — Reuter.

THE HOUSE
SHORTAGE

Geneva, May 25.

Six years after the end of the war all European countries are still faced with an acute scarcity of housing, the bulletin of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe said in a special article on the housing problem.

"The paradox is that as long as there is a true housing shortage, it will be difficult to get rid of rent restriction, and yet as long as the freezing of rents persists, the housing shortage is exaggerated."

The housing scarcity was most serious in Western Germany, France, Italy and Poland, the bulletin said. It was less acute in Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland, countries where war damage was negligible.

"The outlook for housing in the near future is hardly bright, and levels of achievement as far as housing generally are concerned, will at best be just maintained and, in many cases, will decline," the bulletin added. — Reuter.

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STIMSON WAS AGAINST
SOVIET RECOGNITION

Washington, May 25.

Previously secret papers released by the State Department last night showed that in 1932 the Secretary of State, Mr Henry Stimson, opposed recognition of the Soviet Union for fear that Japan would misjudge American motives.

About a year later the United States recognized the Reds after the Democratic Party had come into power.

Mr Stimson was Secretary of State under President Herbert Hoover's Republican Government.

The papers published concerned American relations with Russia from 1932 to 1939. They were released as routine as part of a series of historical documents which the Government publishes after duty has been performed.

Mr Stimson stated his views in a letter to Mr William Borah, then a famous figure as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Borah favored recognition of Russia.

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obligations. We are trying to buttress the great peace treaties which have been negotiated . . . by developing in 'bait' them, international commitment through the work in support of good faith and the sacredness of keeping international promises. We are doing this solely by pacific means . . . and avoiding anything which approaches force or political alliances.

"If, under these circumstances and in this emergency, we recognize Russia in disregard of her very bad reputation respecting international obligations and in disregard of our previous emphasis upon that aspect of her history, the whole world and particularly Japan would jump to the conclusion that our action is dictated solely by political expedience and as a manoeuvre to bring forth pressure upon Japan."

"We should, therefore, lose no moral standing which we have heretofore had in the controversy with Japan . . . However innocent our own motives might be they would certainly be misunderstood by the world at large and particularly by Japan, and that misunderstanding might destroy much of the influence of moral pressure which we have been attempting to exert upon Japan."

Mr Stimson's letter was published in a book, "The Papers of Henry Stimson," by the State Department.

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TITO WARNS
AGGRESSOR

Belgrade, May 25.

Marshal Tito today warned that the dangers threatening Yugoslavia should at no time be lost sight of but that whoever might venture to attack the country would make a fatal mistake.

Marshal Tito was receiving delegations from six provincial Yugoslav Republics and other official representatives who conveyed to him their greetings on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

Among the delegates, representatives of Yugoslav border patrol units and representatives of Slovene minorities from the Trieste free territory, were greeted with cheers.

Streets in all Yugoslav cities were flag-bedecked and Belgrade's official buildings were decorated with gigantic portraits of Tito.

The Yugoslav leader is attending tonight a reception given at the Praesidium of the National Assembly with all prominent Communist Party members, Government and military officials and the Diplomatic Corps attending. — France-Press.

Battersea's
New Season

London, May 25.

The Works Minister, Mr David Eccles, performed the opening ceremony at Battersea Festival Gardens which have reopened for the new season.

Among the new attractions is a £10,000 70-foot replica of a Mississippi snowboat, which will be opened by the Mayor of Hammersmith, a town on the banks of the Mississippi, speaking by trans-Atlantic telephone.

A surprise awaited the first visitor at each four entrances. They each received special passes allowing them and their families free admission to the gardens for the rest of the season.

All the old attractions which excited and amused 8,000,000 people in Festival Year have been staged. — Reuter.

Spellman Flies
To Spain

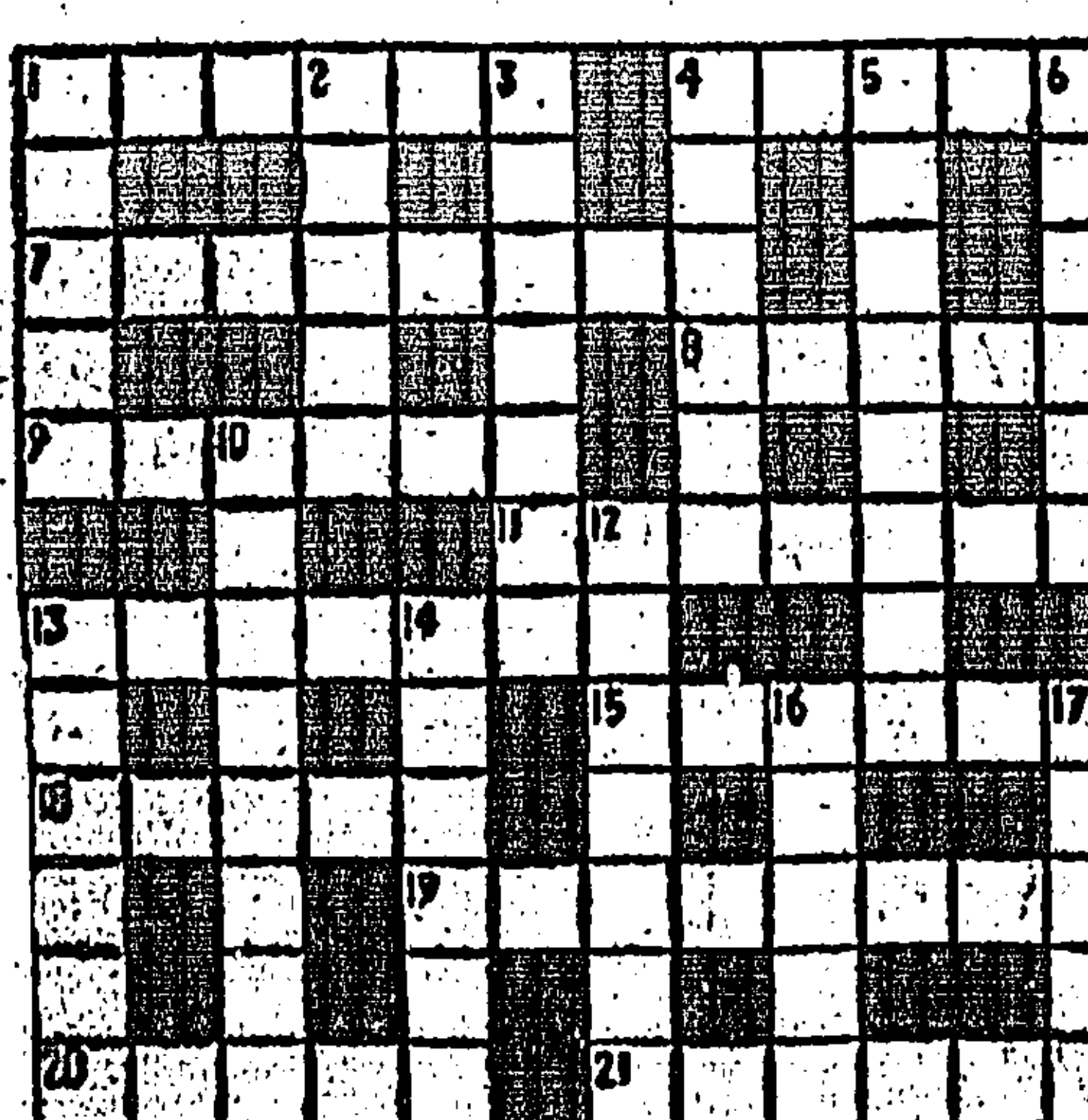
New York, May 25.

Cardinal Spellman flew to Madrid today on his way to the Eucharistic Congress in Barcelona.

After the Congress, the Cardinal will visit Rome for an audience with the Pope.

Cardinal Jaime Barros Camarero, Archbishop of San Sebastian, Rio de Janeiro, and Cardinal Thomas Norman Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, flew from Rome for Barcelona today to attend the Eucharistic Congress starting there on Monday. Both Cardinals arrived in Rome last week. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle

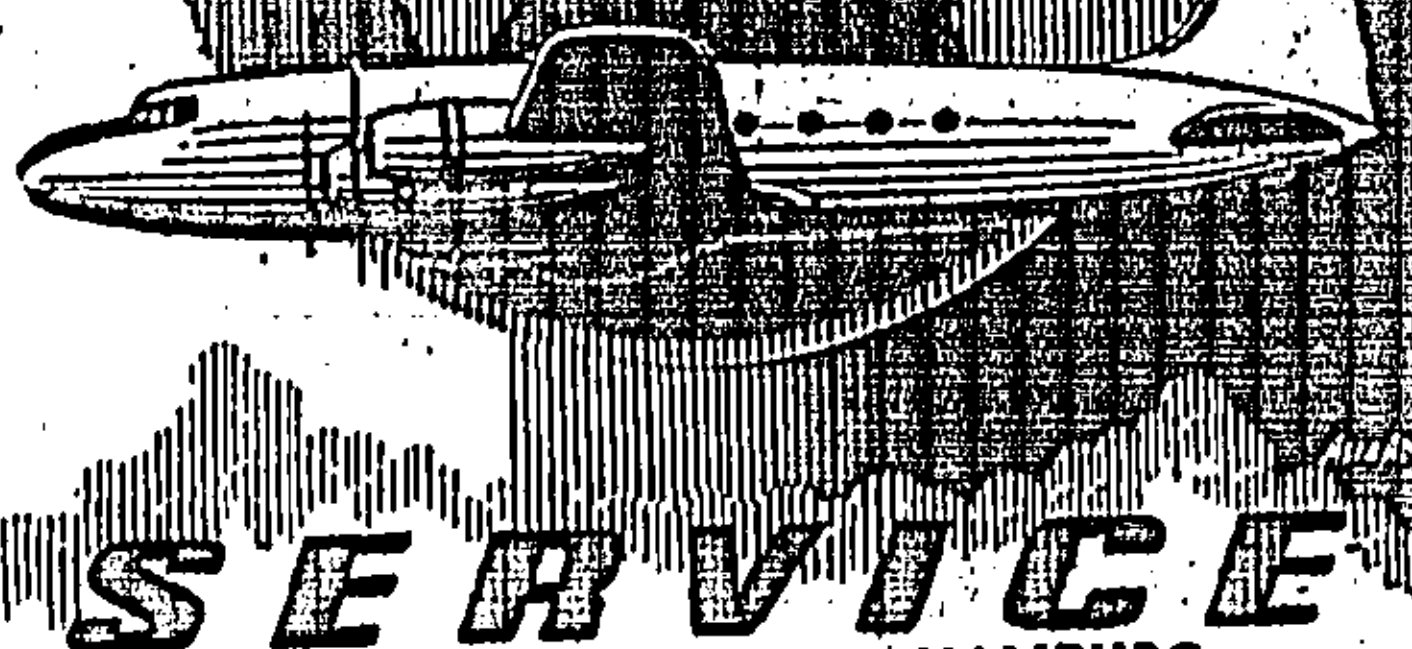


- ACROSS
- Small boat (5).
 - Sag (5).
 - Game (5).
 - Leaflet (5).
 - Meal (5).
 - Presiding necessity (7).
 - Chair (7).
 - Obvious (5).
 - Country (5).
 - Studied closely (5).
 - Violent magistrates (5).
 - Without difficulty (5).
- DOWN
- Bag caringly (5).
 - Material (5).
 - Display of timber (7).
 - Colouring agent (5).
 - Wealth (5).
 - Not well (5).
 - Young bird (5).
 - But Jack (7).
 - Distant (5).
 - Spills (5).
 - Appendages (5).
 - Artistic (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Warp, 4. Tattler, 8. Room, 9. Telo, 10. Luggage, 11. Pool, 12. Hole, 14. Nobles, 17. Inure, 19. Cameo, 22. Dresser, 23. Vent, 27. Rimo, 28. Swollen, 29. Reap, 30. Near, 31. Cringes, 32. Blow, Down: 2. African, 3. Prisoner, 4. Talon, 5. Amulet, 6. Tight, 7. Roke, 12. Blind, 13. Lure, 15. Lane, 16. Spot, 18. Barbed, 20. Avert, 21. Enrage, 25. Roper, 26. Spoon, 28. Alder.

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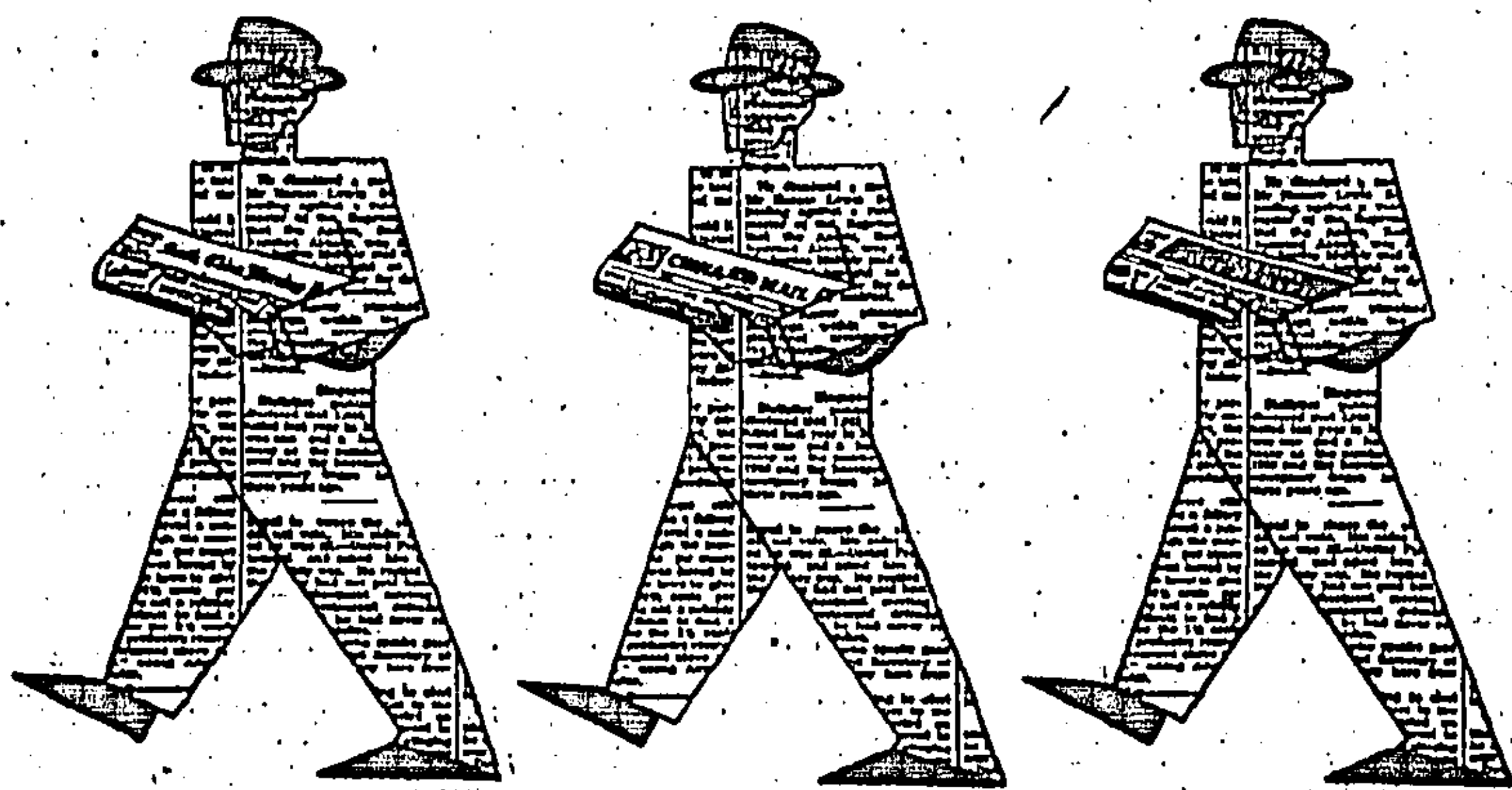
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THREE

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SALESMEN



Overwhelmed By An Avalanche

JAMES RIDDELL, vice-captain of the 1936 British Olympic ski team, had a close-up view of nature in its most terrifying mood—and came back to tell the story. It is a story of eight people who set out to challenge the towering Swiss Alps and had their challenge answered....

'I was afraid—but stood spellbound'

IT was still dark at 4.30 a.m. when we set out from a hut under Monte Rosa to make a ski ascent of Castor (13,879 ft.). Zermatt guide Bernard Perren, Mrs. Jeanette Oddie, and I were on one rope, with guide Egon Petrig and Mr and Mrs Edmund Goldberger on the other.

We had not gone far before one of my "skins"—the anti-slip covering on skis—came off and we had to stop for a few minutes while I adjusted it.

We climbed for three and a half hours before we were passed by two Germans, who thereafter led the way up by some ten yards. By 8.30 we had crossed the Grenze Gletscher, zigzagged up through the tortured series of the Zwillinger Gletscher, and slowly made our way towards the peak of Castor in a heavy breakable crust that had formed after the four-day snow-fall of the previous week.

Climbing parallel to the long 400ft.-high ice wall, we came to a steep slope below the precipitous west ridge of the Lyskamm at 12,700ft. Then it happened.

With a terrible crack and thunder, 1,000ft. of ice and snow broke away from the west wall of the Lyskamm and plunged straight towards us.

My first reaction, after the missed heartbeat that the crack always brings, was to gaze at the majesty of the spectacle. I had a ringside seat for a sight I had often seen from afar.

In its breathtaking beauty the avalanche seemed to be moving very slowly. I was only vaguely aware of the noise. I stood spellbound.

Then suddenly the danger registered. This great roaring onrush of billowing white, in appalling splendour, was death. This thought brought not fear but rather a strange elation and excitement.

All this could only have been a moment of time. I saw the two Germans, roped together a little above us, in a state of frozen indecision.

To our left lay a huge gully, and it occurred to me that the avalanche might follow that route. To our right towered great blocks of ice as big as houses.

In front was the avalanche. Below stretched the slope we had climbed. There was no way out.

The great white cloud crashed to the bottom of the cliff, and a 100ft. wave of snow came rolling down the terrace.

Silhouetted against it I saw the two Germans turn and try to run. I was conscious then for the first time, of fear—of being suffocated by this wave approaching at 30 to 40 miles per hour in the blinding sunlight.

But I knew instinctively that it was wrong to run. The three of us on our rope automatically crouched down, skis across the slope and backs towards the onrush—sheltering heads with arms and trying to maintain air space for breathing.

I glimpsed the Germans trip and become entangled in their rope. And then they vanished.

There was a certain amount of wind before the wave hit us, though nothing of the strength expected. Suddenly we were plunged from blinding sunlight to darkness. Snow piled over us. I cringed, expecting to be hit by rocks and ice.

Soon we were gulping convulsively for air.

I do not know how long it lasted. Presently there was a great silence.

Looking up, I saw the vague outlines of Jeanette and Benny on our rope. They were unhurt.

The sunlight came back to an ice-strewn and jumbled landscape. The Germans had been swept down till they were quite close to us, and they were trying to extricate themselves. The party below us were almost out of sight over the curve of the hill. But again they were unhurt.

Then came the reaction. Some trembled, some shouted, some talked a great deal.

The two Germans answered the main question. In the sloping terrace above us, concealed by a snow bridge, was a crevasse which had swallowed most of the ice fall.

But for that crevasse the entire avalanche would have hit us. And had we been perhaps six minutes quicker on our climb we would have been standing on, or crossing, that crevasse when the crack came.

We decided that Castor had won, and went back to the hut. I was thinking about how that skin came off and held us up for four or five minutes....

—(London Express Service)

'I Went—But Saw Nothing' A DUTCH AUTHOR TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO RUSSIA

By K. VAN DER GEEST

IN the course of time delegates consisting of workers or artists have paid visits to the Soviet Union. And on their return to Holland some members of these delegations have told enthusiastic stories about the social conditions prevailing there.

Sometimes these stories also really sounded as if they were accounts of what the authors had observed through unbiased and expert eyes.

The impression was given that the persons who told the stories were conscious of their responsibility, not only to themselves, but above all, to the Dutch people and even to the Russian people.

I cannot judge whether the workers and the artists who visited the Soviet Union really lacked this sense of responsibility. I can, however, have my doubts about their powers of observation, their critical eye—and in the case of some—even about their good will.

Rendering account

AND for the rest, I can only assure my readers that I personally was fully alive to the responsibility of the task I had taken upon myself when I agreed to undertake a journey to Russia.

I realised that it would be impossible in the brief space of three weeks, which the journey was to take, to observe and examine all aspects of the social field. I knew therefore that I should have the limit, and accordingly decided to peg out for myself a certain section of this very extensive domain.

I had read quite a few books by Russian writers and also a great many articles about their work and their views of literature and art. I was therefore not altogether a stranger in this field. And I consequently thought it would be a good thing if I made up my mind as far as possible to compare with reality the impressions which I had obtained through reading books and articles.

No opportunity

AND let me say right now that I was unable to do so because I was given no opportunity.

When I was once again in the aeroplane that was to carry me from Moscow back to Amsterdam, I repeatedly recalled to mind the words of Goethe: "Ein schick mich nach unten, Tor!" ("And here I stand, poor simpleton!"). "Und bin so klug als wir zuvor." ("I know as much as I did before").

I thought, with some bitterness, of the friends and acquaintances who would ask me what I had seen and what I thought about everything. And to whom I should have to say: "I have seen nothing."

Yes, I admit I have been in Moscow, in Leningrad, in Tiflis, in Zuhidli.

I travelled a few thousand kilometres by plane, journeyed four nights in beautiful sleepers, the windows of which had to remain closed, and some mysterious and perhaps foolish reason, although it was stifling hot in the compartment.

I saw famous museums and pictures, I saw a football match in the famous Moscow Stadium.

I visited a State farm, where the workers were rather lean according to Dutch standards. I saw a model pig sty.

I drank tea which had come direct from a plantation.

Not an answer

BUT the production of delicious tea and pigs that are reared on a model breeding farm disclose nothing to me respecting the pros and cons of a Soviet Government.

I visited scores of churches and saw these churches filled with old women. I even saw children being baptised there. But from these facts I should not dare draw the conclusion that

M. K. van der Geest, a well-known Dutch author, was a member of the Communist Party before World War II, but did not rejoin the Party after the Liberation of the Netherlands, although he maintained contacts with them. He went to Russia in July, 1951, as a member of a delegation invited by V. O. K. S. (the Soviet Russian Society which maintains cultural relations with foreign countries) and was disillusioned by what he saw and did not see. This article was originally published in *Het Vrije Volk* (The Hague).

religion can be practised freely and unrestrictedly. To judge this I should have had to speak with priests and with worshippers, not with one of them, but with dozens, perhaps with hundreds. I had, however, no chance to speak with any of them.

I visited a large library, the Lenin Library, but did not get the opportunity of ascertaining what books were kept there, for when I began nosing in a catalogue, I was told by the leader of the several members of the delegation: "That is none of our business."

I visited factories with machines and conveyor belts. But I was unable to speak with the men and women behind the machines. Not a single one of them.

I saw so very much, but only superficially. And therefore I could not and cannot cast away the feeling that my visit to the Soviet Union was a failure. This is probably because I had the wrong idea about the object of the journey.

The intention

THE object is not as I had supposed for a delegation to acquaint itself with the social conditions. It was merely the intention that our delegation should make a pilgrimage through the sacred places of Communism or what is termed Communism.

And this intention was, of course, fulfilled. The leader of our delegation was so thrilled by all the representations of Stalin and by the houses where Stalin had lived that he did not even see the beggars sitting and standing on the pavement in front of the houses and flatly denied their existence.

But the Dutch people do not expect a delegation that has been to the Soviet Union to come back and tell them pilgrims' stories. They expect the members to come back with facts. And how do they do this? How can they tell such rosy stories about life in the Soviet Union if they have done nothing more than stand in worship before the walls of the Kremlin?

To bring back rosy accounts of a journey is not only unpermissible, it is criminal. It is downright misleading.

And yet these rosy reports are being put out by members of our delegation. By decent people who would not cheat the milkman or the baker out of five cents. Why, then do they do this? Because it is expected of them by those who let them come to the Soviet Union? To me this does not seem a decisive reason. At most it would be a reason for me never again to participate in a delegation of this kind if ever I were given a chance.

Seeing the outside

"YOU must not travel round too much. Stay as long as possible in the same place and have a good look at everything rather than travel from one end of the Soviet Union to the other, spending your time in aircraft and trains."

It was with these words that the cultural delegation, of which I was a member, was officially welcomed this summer in Moscow by the Chairman of the V.O.K.S. After this the leader of the delegation began summing up our wishes. According to this summary we, as a delegation, very much wanted to see: a factory, workers' houses, pioneer camps and a concentration camp.

The concentration camp was immediately struck off the list. The Chairman of V.O.K.S. said: "We can take you to a

other countries and that history was fulfilled. Was it true that every religious idea is eradicated to make way for the veneration of Stalin and his set, as we are sometimes told in Holland? Or are these things lies?

Hence I wanted to find out what the child in the Soviet Union was given to read. I was accordingly very glad when I heard on the last day of our stay in Moscow that I was to be taken to the State Publishing Company for Youth. There I had a talk with the managers.

As on every other occasion I was struck by the fact that our conversation had to be conducted via an interpreter. I therefore requested the managers to speak in German or some other language which I understood. Now and again she actually did so. Which proved that she could speak German. She nevertheless, once again, quickly turned to my interpreter and addressed her remarks to him in Russian.

After there had been an avalanche of figures about the book production of the State Publishing Company, I posed a few questions.

Finally, I very much wanted to know how the publication of a book was regulated. In Holland they try to make us believe that the Russian people judge whether the creation of a writer and of every artist fits in with the "new Socialist conception of life" (Quotation from "Politik und Kultur," Vol. 2, No. 10).

Actual practice

I LEARNED there that in practice it was otherwise. The State Publishing Company is the only publishing house. All writers must submit their work to this company. If they refuse to publish, the fate of the book is sealed. There is no other means of having printed what you wish to say. Consequently, there is absolutely no question of free criticism, which is the question of whether the work of art fits in with the "new socialist conception of life." The management of the company judges, and that's the end; a few people with absolute power. And further...

In addition to the publishing office, also, in the large, beautifully appointed reading room for children, which, however, had very few visitors compared with the children's reading room in Amsterdam, I was able to observe that the reading material in the Soviet Union was divided up in very much the same way as in Holland, according to the different age groups.

But I was astounded at the enormous supply of children's books that was available; and I doubt whether there are many children in Holland who can boast of having read anything by Dickens when they were ten or eleven years old. I even saw a "David Copperfield" by Dickens. I put a number of books to one side, and asked whether I might take them with me in exchange for a number of books from Holland, which I would give to the Moscow Publishing House for Youth.

Promise...

I MIGHT take them with me. I was told, I might take with me "The Ugly Duckling" by Andersen and "Oliver Twist" by Dickens, and so many other books which had been translated into Russian. I was even promised a Russian book about the Dutch Multatuli.

However, when I asked for them as we were leaving the State Publishing Office, I was promised that they would be brought to my hotel. When I was leaving Moscow to return to Holland I was promised that the books would be sent on to me.

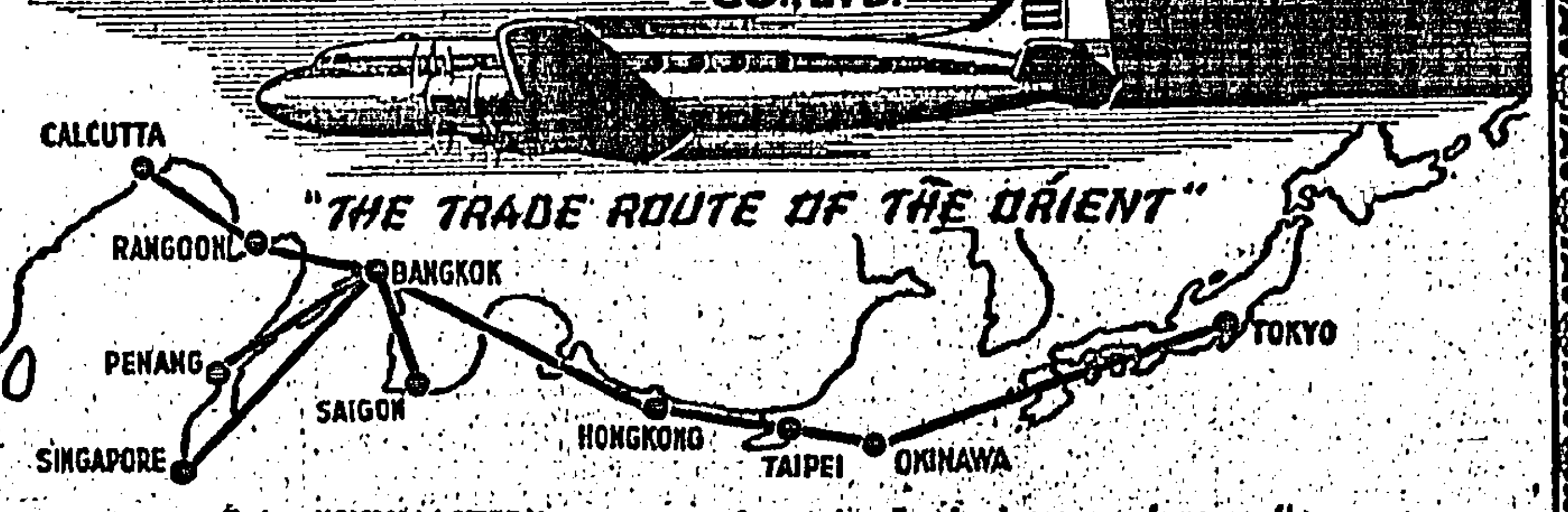
I have been waiting a few months. I have received some school books, but not the books I had asked for. None by Andersen, none by Dickens. I was only allowed to see the outside of them when I was in Moscow. In the same way as all of us were allowed to see everything there—only on the outside.

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LEN HUTTON TO CAPTAIN ENGLAND IN FIRST TEST AGAINST INDIA AT LEEDS

London, May 25.

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire professional and opening batsman and first choice for England for many seasons, is to captain England in the first cricket Test against India beginning at Leeds on June 5.

He is the first professional to be invited to captain an England side, though there have been instances of professionals taking over from injured or sick captains. Norman Yardley, Hutton's County captain, who is Chairman of the England selectors, announced the appointment in the following official statement after a meeting at Nottingham today.



England's new Test captain, Len Hutton.

"Len Hutton has been invited to captain England in the first Test match against India at Leeds on June 5. He told me that he considers this to be a great honour, and he has accepted the invitation. The first Test will be played next Thursday."

All the four selectors were at the meeting. Besides Yardley, they are F. R. Brown, who had stated that he would like to give up the England captaincy for a younger man, R. E. S. Wyatt, and L. E. G. Ames.

A BOLD STEP

Yardley, Wyatt and Brown, all former Test captains of England, and Ames, the first professional to be appointed a member of the selection committee, have taken a bold step in appointing a professional as captain.

It is a move which will upset many of the older school of cricket followers who believe that the captaincy should be reserved for amateurs, but will be welcomed by the majority.

Although the selectors made it plain today that Hutton's appointment was for the first Test only, most cricketers and enthusiasts will consider it a pointer to England's leader against Australia next summer.

Undoubtedly Hutton, who will be 36 next month, has the vast experience, ability and tactical skill needed for an England captain. No present day player knows the Australians better or is more feared by them. Hutton made the record individual score for a Test match against Australia, 364 at the Oval in 1935, and he has always been a thorn in their side.

On the last MCC tour of Australia in 1950 and 1951, Hutton was again the outstanding batsman, scoring 633 runs at an average of 88.83. Altogether he has made 56 Test appearances.

Last summer at Kennington Oval, the scene of many of his greatest triumphs, Hutton became the 13th cricketer to complete a hundred first-class centuries.

With his appointment as England captain he has gained almost all the honours the game has to offer.

Although Hutton's actual experience of captaincy is comparatively limited, he has led the Players against the Gentlemen, and like the famous Jack Hobbs before him, has for some time been in the position of being frequently consulted by England captains during the course of Test matches.—Reuter.

Prawn Cocktail

By HENRY LONGHURST

Much innocent fun is to be derived from comparisons between golf and kindred pastimes, the conclusion being generally reached that the faults, frustrations, and failures of them all spring from identical sources.

I have long been convinced that this is true of shooting. The mental and physical processes which lead to the early morning No. 9 iron splashing feebly into the burn are precisely those by which a man who was plus four at clay pigeons yesterday shuts both eyes and discharges four yards behind the first pheasant today.

Another telling comparison came my way last week as a tin on the Tay, where the processes leading to not catching a salmon seemed indistinguishable from those which later led to an 87 in the Spring Medal at St. Andrews. Indeed, had a reel and line been attached to the driver, it would have been a shrewd observer who could tell which game one was at.

THE U-S—
The mode adopted was that of flinging out a lump of lead and a long-deceased prawn, letting them run round with the current, and, provided they were not caught up in weed or rock, winding them in again, all under the scornful eye of the original Unspeaking Scot who captained, navigated, and largely rowed the boat—a relative, clearly, of the Scottish caddie who, his client insisting on taking the iron instead of the spoon, and holding out in one throw, said, "Aye, ye'd ha' done better wi' the spoon."

It has long been a golfing axiom of mine that "the harder you hit the less far it goes." This, it turned out, is abundantly true of prawn-fishing. Without conscious effort the apparatus could be made to whizz gracefully some 30 or 40 yards from the boat, and even earn the grudging concession, "Aye, no band," from the U-S.
"It went that far, thus, how far would it not go with a really good hit at the top of the swing?" The answer, of course, was "about 15 yards and crooked." Sometimes, in a supreme effort to span the Tay in one cast, one forgot first to adjust the patient

Dutchman Wins Bordeaux-Paris Cycle Race

Paris, May 25.

Wim Van Est, of Holland, won today's Bordeaux-Paris cycle race, covering the 500 kilometres in 17 hrs. 36 mins. 14 secs.

Maurice Duit (France) was second in 17 hrs. 39 mins. 11 secs., with Jean Gueguen (France) third, 18 hrs. 22 secs. behind.

Robert Varnajo (France), who finished fourth, made the fastest lap of the race, the Parc des Princes Stadium here, circling 454 metres in 30.6 secs.

PARIS GRAND PRIX
Meanwhile, Italian Ferraris took the first four places in the Paris Grand Prix, a time event run over three hours on the 6,282 metres Montlhéry track near here.

Piero Taruffi (Italy) won the event, covering 400.301 kilometres at an average speed of 153.436 k.p.h.

Andre Simon (France) was second, Giuseppe Farina (Italy) third and Louis Rostor (France) fourth.—Reuter.

Anger indicated that the line, running out again, was cutting through it like a wire through cheese, leaving a faint smell of burning. An agonised yell, and all was suddenly over.
"I know now what they mean by a pregnant silence. It was broken, of course by the U-S—Something about the tip of the rod, I gathered. His caddy relative, as with light emotions, one drove out of bounds, would inevitably have observed "Yo sliced it!"

Since then I have had my arms permanently about four feet apart. Sometimes it is the putt in the Medal, sometimes it is "The one that got away." What difference does it make? It is the same old story.

BRITAIN'S POSSIBLE OLYMPIC ROWING EIGHT



One of Britain's possible Olympic rowing eights seen out on the Thames at Putney. They are (left to right) Graham Flisk, Morris Legge, Sam Hobbs, John McMillan, Tom Butcher, Paul Massey, Peter Giles, Peter Kirkpatrick and Graham Alwin, the cox.

Indian Badminton Fans Rejoice At Thomas Cup Victory Over Denmark

Bombay, May 25.

Badminton fans are rejoicing today over the success which the Indian team led by Devinder Mohan has brought to India by eliminating heavily-favoured Denmark.

India upset Denmark in the semi-final round 6-3, and gained the right to play the United States in Singapore next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The winner of the India-US match will challenge Malaysia, holders of the Thomas Cup trophy.

Now, 29, Devinder is trying to regain lost laurels. Currently, he is officially unranked.

10,000 Tennis Fans Hiss At Umpires

Paris, May 25.

The crowd of 10,000 fans hissed, whistled and booed doubtful line decisions today during the match at the French International Lawn Tennis Championships, in which Frank Sedgman of Australia beat Kurt Nielsen of Denmark.

Sedgman won by 6-1, 8-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals. A linesman's call of a double fault against Sedgman in the second set roused the crowd. Sedgman accepted the decision, though he looked puzzled, but Nielsen refused to play on until the umpire ordered the point to be replayed.

Later, when another doubtful line decision was given against Sedgman, the crowd again raged abuse at the officials. The umpire had to make an appeal over the loudspeaker for order.—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

Paris, May 25.

Australian Ken McGregor beat Italian Gianni Cioelli in the first singles of the afternoon matches today in the International Tennis Championships of France here. The score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-3.

In another fifth round match, Australia's Frank Sedgman beat Denmark's Kurt Nielsen 6-1, 8-6, 6-4.

Paul Remy and Marcel Bernard (France) beat Irving Dorfman and Grant Tolden (U.S.) in the third round of the Men's Doubles 6-4, 6-4, 4-6 and 6-4.

Women's Singles results were:
Miss Doris Hart (U.S.) beat Miss Christine De Marceillis (Belgium) 7-5, 10-8.

Miss Shirley Fay (U.S.) beat Miss Joan Ross (Holland) 6-1, 6-0.

Mrs. Maria Ferns, Do Wells (Argentina) beat Miss MacQuire (U.S.) 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. Dorothy Head (U.S.) beat Mrs. Penrose (Australian) 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. Joy Mottram (Britain) beat Madame Raymond Jones Weber (France) 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

Miss Joan Curry (Britain) beat Miss Villette Rigollet (Switzerland) 6-0, 6-1.

Jacques Drobnay (Egypt) entered the Men's Singles quarter-finals, beating Fausto Gardini (Italy) 6-3, 6-2 and 6-1.

Kurt Nielsen and Torsten Johansson (Denmark) beat Feliciano Ampon (Philippines) and Straight Clark (U.S.) 4-6, 6-9, 10-8, 6-1.—Associated Press.

HOW INDIA SCORED

Kuala Lumpur, May 25.
India beat Denmark by five matches to one in their Thomas Cup inter-zone tie today.

To-day's results were:

T. N. Seth (India) beat Paul Holm 15-1, 18-17.

Devinder Mohan (India) beat Jörn Skarup 15-12, 18-16.

India won three of yesterday's four matches.

India will now meet the United States, the American Zone winners, for the right of challenging Malaysia, holders of the trophy.—Reuter.

First Day's Play
Kuala Lumpur, May 24.

India gained a 3-1 lead over Denmark to-day, the first day of their Thomas Cup inter-zone final.

The Danes were showing signs of strain due to travelling in recent days when they were held up by reduced transport facilities because of the lack of fuel following the American strike of oil workers.

Their players all started shakily and could not equal the stamina of the Indians.

To-day's results were:

T. N. Seth (India) beat Jörn Skarup (Denmark) 15-6, 15-13.

Devinder Mohan (India) beat Paul Holm (Denmark) 15-3, 15-10.

The doubles results were:

Mohan and Henry Ferreira (India) beat Ole Olsen and John Nygaard (Denmark) 18-17, 15-9.

Holm and Ole Jensen (Denmark) beat Seth and Manoj Guha (India) 15-7, 16-10.—Reuter.

BENEDETTI WINS GIRO D'ITALIA

Ancona, Italy, May 25.

Italy's Rino Benedetti today won the mountainous 224-kilometre eighth stage of the Giro d'Italia (Round Italy) cycle race.

He made the winding course in 5 hrs. 40 mins. 55 secs.

He was followed at a 30 seconds distance by the Italian Greste Coma.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby
Saturday, 31st May, 1952

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close at:

THE BRANCH OFFICE

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m. on 30th May
5 D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong at 5.00 p.m. on 30th May

THE TREASURERS' OFFICE

Telephone House, Hongkong at 6.00 p.m. on 30th May

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall, at the Race Course, at 12.00 o'clock NOON on Saturday, 31st May, 1952.

By Order,
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Major League Baseball

New York, May 25.

Today's baseball scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	2	0	0
Washington	1	0	1
Philadelphia (nightcap)	0	7	1
Washington	1	5	0
Cleveland	5	11	0
St. Louis	7	9	1
Cleveland	4	10	2
(2nd game)	2	5	0
St. Louis	0	6	0
Detroit	0	6	0
Chicago	3	4	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	5	12	0
Pittsburgh	4	10	1
St. Louis	7	12	0
Cincinnati	0	10	0

—United Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Whitsun Race Meeting
2nd Day
Races 4 and 12. — Battersea Park Handicap (1st & 2nd Sections)

The Handicap Weights in the above have been reduced 5 lb. all round.

The correct Handicap Weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

H. MISA, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby
Saturday, 31st May, 1952.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Treasurers' Comptroller Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House, and at the Club's Branch Offices situated at—

5, D'Aguilar St., Hong Kong or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday 31st May and Monday 2nd June, 1952

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The 11th interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through Tickets (22 Races—\$44.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" through Tickets reserved for this meeting, but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 30th May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR.

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given.

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Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. and 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Offices are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

No re-admission tickets will be issued.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,

H. MISA, Secretary.

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UK May Return Italian Miners

London, May 25. The British Government will send back to Italy some 1,000 Italian coal miners if they do not find jobs by next Saturday.

The Italians were brought to Britain by the National Coal Board which admitted last week that it had given up trying to fit them into mines after widespread protests by British miners.—United Press.

UNION CHIEF RESIGNS

London, May 25. Mr. Fred Brown, an executive of the National Union of Agricultural Workers, for 35 years and a member of the Labour Party for 52 years, has resigned from both organisations.

He said that the union had become subservient to the Labour Party and that the party itself was curtailing freedom of thought.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1952.

Defence Spending's Effect On American Economy

New York, May 25.

Senior Government economic experts said today that nearly one-third of America's total business turnover comes from spending on defence—compared with between seven and 10 per cent. before the Korean war.

An official of the Commerce Department, who asked not to be named, estimated that without the arms spending possibly 3,000,000 people would be unemployed in the United States instead of the present 1,500,000.

About 8,000,000 of America's labour force of 69,000,000 men and women are reported to be working on the defence programme.

An authority on the Federal Reserve Board, who also asked not to be named, said there were signs of a recession. Just before the Korean war and added his belief that defence spending was maintaining America's economy at its present level.

This official added, however, that though the total level of economy would fall, the standard of living of most Americans could be maintained and increased if a much larger portion of production were devoted to civil instead of military needs.

America's programme to increase production of metals and minerals to meet her rearmament needs has made substantial progress, another American official reported today.

SERIOUS GAPS

The official, Mr. Jess Larson, Administrator of the General Service Administration and the Defence Materials Procurement Agency, warned: "There are still a number of serious gaps in supplies of metals."

The two agencies were established last autumn to assist industry to meet its greatly expanded needs for materials.

The progress made thus far was without the United States Government entering production, as it did in the last war.

Government assistance, he explained, has taken four forms—direct contracts for metals and minerals in the United States and abroad, advances against future production, outright loans and special tax benefits.

United Press.

US To Make

Fewer Cars

Washington, May 25.

Manufacturers will turn out

790,000 fewer cars this year

than in 1951 but there will still

be enough to meet the demand,

the Government Mobiliser

predicted today.

National Production Authority

officials estimated that car

makers would produce 4,350,000

cars compared with 5,140,000

last year. While the estimates

were the lowest since 1948,

officials said the industry would

be making just about all the

cars it could sell.

Car sales may increase be-

cause of the recent lifting of

the instalment controls but this

would permit some companies

to sell cars that have been on

hand and would not cause over-

all shortages.

The 1952 estimate still sharply

exceeded pre-war production.

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United Press.

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British MP May Be Elected To High Office

Third Baby For Churchill's Daughter

Westerham, May 25. Prime Minister Winston Churchill's daughter, Mrs. Christopher Soames, gave birth to an eight-pound boy today at her Chartwell farm home in Kent. The proud grandfather was one of the earliest visitors to see the baby.

Mrs. Churchill's daughter, Mrs. Soames, is his youngest. She was wed to the Conservative MP for Bedford in 1947 and they have two other children, Nicholas, four, and Emma, two.

Associated Press.

Allies Lose 1,400 Planes In Korea

Washington, May 25. Allied plane losses in the Korean war now total more than 1,400 aircraft.

Enemy losses are about 400 destroyed or probably destroyed. Details of United Nations losses to enemy planes, ground fire and in accidents cannot be stated because the Air Force declines to disclose the number of aircraft lost operationally (accidents at take-off and landing on missions or in other flights in the war zone).

At least in jet fighters, the Communists probably have numerical superiority.

But their losses have been far lower than those of the United Nations.

The explanation given by the Air Force, Navy and Marines is that the Communists lose fewer planes because they hardly ever fly where their aircraft are exposed to anti-aircraft fire—the cause of most plane losses.

The Communists confine almost all their operations to intercept action by MIG-15 jets against United Nations bomber and fighter planes invading the far North area near the Yalu River.

The Communists have made no effort to give tactical air support to their front line ground troops.

On the other hand, a huge number of United Nations flights have been made during the two years of war to provide cover and support for ground forces.

These flights have taken United Nations planes into anti-aircraft fire that is growing steadily in volume and accuracy.

In 388,750 combat sorties flown until a recent date, the Air Force says it lost 515 planes and 410 went down from anti-aircraft fire.

Of the balance 62 were hit in air-to-air combat and the others listed as destroyed from unknown causes.

From the start of the war to the middle of this month United Nations plane losses were reported as follows:

United States Air Force—559, of which 292 were jet planes and the others piston engine aircraft.

Of the total 69 were downed in air combat, 434 by ground fire and 55 other causes.

Other United Nations—50, of which four were knocked down in air combat, 45 by ground fire and 11 by other causes.

The Navy and Marine Corps—787, of which 351 were due to enemy action (the Navy does not disclose whether the planes were lost to enemy aircraft or ground fire) and 436 lost operationally. Of the total, 454 were carrier-based planes, the others land-based Marine planes.

Associated Press.

Martial Law In Tehran Extended

Tehran, May 25. The Persian Government has decided to extend martial law in Tehran for one month.

It was first imposed on March 30.

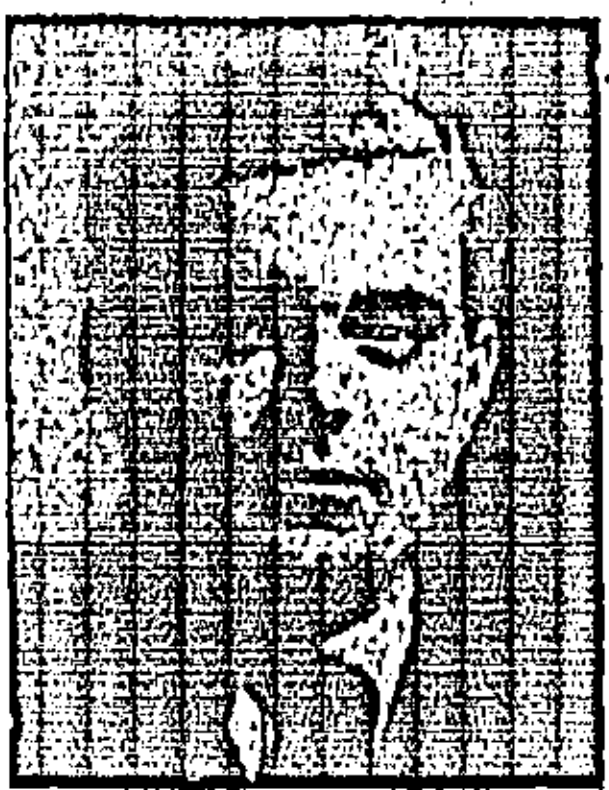
A Persian Government spokesman today denied reports of Premier Mossadegh's resignation.—Reuter.

Strasbourg, May 25. Mr Robert Boothby, British Conservative MP, was favourite in the race for President of the European Consultative Assembly today as delegates gathered for the opening of the Assembly's fourth session.

The Assembly, comprising 132 representatives from 14 member states and the Saar, is the Lower House of the Council of Europe. It convenes in the Assembly hall of the Mairie de l'Europe, here tomorrow at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. GMT: 6 p.m. Monday HKST).

New companion topics vital for the future of European unity dominated the scene as the Assembly's outgoing officials met for the last time to lay down a provisional agenda for the opening sitting.

One was Britain's Eden Plan to interlock all agencies of European co-operation under the Council of Europe here. The other was the Assembly's examination of the six-power treaty to establish a European Defence Community (EDC) and



MR BOOTHBY

HK Romance To End In London Wedding

London, May 25. Since he first arrived in Hongkong four years ago to join Harry Wicking and Company, Ltd., Mr I. G. Daniel has lived an action-packed, colourful life.

An officer in the Royal Ulster Rifles during World War II, he was recalled to the active list in October 1949 and spent the next year in Korea.

Between actions during the retreat from the Yalu River, Captain Daniel never forgot, though, to write to the girl he met in Hongkong shortly after his arrival there.

Last month, Captain (now plain Mr.) Daniel arrived back in Britain on leave. And, here, he met again the girl he last saw just before she left the East three years ago.

Now they plan to marry and return to Hongkong together at the end of Mr Daniel's leave in September.

The bride-to-be is Miss Madeleine Barbara Rottevelde, daughter of Mrs Warwick Hill and stepdaughter of Mr J. Warwick Hill of Bristol.

The wedding will take place in London in June.—Our Own Correspondent.

Radio Hongkong

11.15 a.m. Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Half hour presented by Elizabeth Anna (Story); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Story); 7.00, Another Evening at the London Palladium; 7.15, The Big Week—London Studio; 7.30, Weather Report; 7.45, Signal and News; 8.00, News; 8.10, Weather; 8.15, Candidate to Urban Council—Mr. Percy Chiu; 8.20, News; 8.25, Chronical; 8.30, News; 8.35, Piano accompaniment by Harry Oze; 8.40, The Little White Duck; 8.45, News; 8.50, News; 8.55, News; 9.00, News; 9.05, News; 9.10, News; 9.15, News; 9.20, News; 9.25, News; 9.30, News; 9.35, News; 9.40, News; 9.45, News; 9.50, News; 9.55, News; 10.00, News; 10.05, News; 10.10, News; 10.15, News; 10.20, News; 10.25, News; 10.30, News; 10.35, News; 10.40, News; 10.45, News; 10.50, News; 10.55, News; 11.00, News; 11.05, News; 11.10, News; 11.15, News; 11.20, News; 11.25, News; 11.30, News; 11.35, News; 11.40, News; 11.45, News; 11.50, News; 11.55, News; 12.00, News; 12.05, News; 12.10, News; 12.15, News; 12.20, News; 12.25, News; 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